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**KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**September 15, 2020**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**LOCATION:**

Meeting held via ZOOM Video Conferencing

**Meeting URL:**

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**September 15, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY**

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed all and invited guests to introduce themselves. The 22 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Dolly Moore	Ascend Staffing
Tim Woods	Mohave County Fair Association
Rebeca Anthony	J-M Eagle
Bennett Bratley	City of Kingman
Michael Jimmerson	Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) – MEP
Jenifer Hayes	ARIZONA@WORK
Jason Millen	ARIZONA@WORK
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Cherish Sammeli	KACC, Pioneer Title
Becky Fawson	KACC
Beth VanHoose	KUSD
Jason Gee	MCC
Jean Bishop	Mohave County, Supervisor District 4
Brian Zimmerman	
Scott Brackett	Brackett Aero Filters
Della Gray	ARIZONA@WORK
Pat Ferrell	JAVC
Tami Ursenbach	Mohave County Economic Development
Stephen Eaton	MCC
Donna Davis	Expect More Arizona

- II.** The meeting minutes from the August 18, 2020 were discussed and a revision to the news on the MCC Survey was corrected relative to the results percentages. KAMMA Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)
- III. Financial Report:** Jeff McKnight indicated that the ending balance August 31, 2020 was \$12,387.14. There was no debits and only one credit of \$200 (Brian Zimmerman membership dues deposit)

**IV. Old Business:**

- a. Membership Update:** Dolly Moore confirmed 2020 total membership of 44 which consists of 30 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 2 comp'd members.
- b. Website Maintenance:** Dolly Moore reported that the website is working well and that she keeps current agendas and meeting minutes updated on the website.
- c. Training Update:** John Hansen noted that there has been some discussion within the Board of Directors relative to coordinating another EMT/First Responder class but there has not been much interest at this time. John noted that MCC can execute that training once a cohort is pulled together.

**V. New Business**

- a. Introduction of New Director, Rebeca Anthony to serve as Treasurer:** John Hansen introduced Rebeca Anthony as the newest KAMMA director inducted to the Board of Directors. Rebeca will serve as treasurer on the KAMMA Board. Rebeca's current responsibility is HR Coordinator for J-M Eagle located within the Kingman Industrial Park. John extended a warm welcome to Rebeca and thanked her for volunteering to serve.
- b. Discussion/Update – MCC Industrial Training Center:** Jason Gee offered news relative to the Industrial Training Center being planned within the Kingman Airport / Industrial Park. Jason noted that MCC is in final lease negotiations with the building owner and moving closer to making the center a reality. Jason is working on several grant type projects that could help fund the effort. Since the prior month's meeting there has been a 25% increase in survey responses from local businesses that could benefit from the value of the ITC. Jason explained that there is opportunity to offer many different class topics and that various companies could put together specific packages of training to suit the exact needs of each company. MCC is excited to make this happen.

Jason noted that the truck driving training has such increasing demand that a 3<sup>rd</sup> truck is being brought up by Phoenix Truck Driving School who MCC is partnering with to provide this training.

Stephen Eaton, Dean of Instruction noted that MCC is moving rapidly to offer training that will feed industry and manufacturing needs and that all that is needed is students. Stephen noted that the new president, Dr. Stacy Klippenstein is very well in tune with community needs and supports these opportunities.

John Hansen encouraged the KAMMA membership to participate in utilizing these vital resources that MCC is working so diligently to provide. The ITC must be exercised and local companies must take advantage of the resources to help sustain its existence. John extended great gratitude to Jason and MCC for the work being done to elevate our local training opportunities.

- c. **Update – Promotion for Sale of Industrial Park Property:** Becky Fawson, President of the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce noted that things are moving forward to get signage created to promote the voter's approval for allowing the City of Kingman the ability to sell the property that is being released by the FAA that will expand the Kingman Airport and Industrial Park. KAMMA has agreed to donate \$2500 toward the expenses to assist the effort. John Hansen noted how very important this issue is for the organization and how this will play into the future growth of our area's industrial and manufacturing opportunities. Bennett Bratley confirmed the area being released is slightly more than 1,800 acres. Bennett is hopeful that they can have the same process to sell the property as in place presently.

Tim Woods noted that he will be on KNTR Radio Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> and will speak to this issue at that time.

- d. **Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Kingman and Others:**

Pat Ferrell, President – Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council (JAVC) noted that JAVC has secured a grant that will assist in getting more veterans in housing. Pat indicated that currently they have placed 25 vets in houses. Pat extended "thanks" to True Value for donating a pallet of water that can be distributed to vets.

Becky Fawson, President and CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce shared that KACC is partnering with the City of Kingman to sponsor a "Shop Local" program which will run from September 27<sup>th</sup> thru November 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be gift baskets made from products sourced through local merchants given away weekly throughout the program. Details can be found on the Chamber's website.

Becky indicated that there is work still being done to develop the Kingman Health Partnership with KRMC. This program would bring healthcare to small businesses with KRMC being the primary provider. This is still in the developmental stages.

The Andy Devine awards will be taking place next Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> at Beale Celebrations. The difference this year is that the nominees and one guest are allowed to attend and the public can view the event virtually.

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman reported that this week the City has hired a photographer to take aerial photos of the Airport, Industrial Park as well as Downtown and will use those as tools to help promote economic development.

Bennett noted that approval has been received for the creation of a Facebook page for Economic Development which would expand availability to access information and push updates to the public in timely fashion.

The salary survey the City has been compiling is being finalized and will be distributed to area business managers soon.

Some street signs noting specific businesses recently placed by the City within the Industrial Park saw wind damage in the recent storms coming through our area. Bennett indicated that staff was working to get those repaired or replaced.

Dolly Moore, KAMMA Director of Membership and Branch Manager for Ascend Staffing made mention of safety matter relative to the Kingman Airport and Industrial Park in that a person has been witnessed within the Industrial Park in recent days that appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol that was violently attempting to enter businesses and disrupt operations. Dolly encouraged all to heighten their alert and be on the lookout for peculiar activities within the Park.

Lisa Black, Education Administrator with the GEO Group proudly announced that the prison took measures to protect the population within the facility prior to CDC guidelines being set forth in the pandemic and can claim that they are COVID free. There are over 3,500 inmates and approximately 540 employees within the facility.

Tim Woods, General Manager, Mohave County Fair Association noted that the Fairgrounds hosted a “live” livestock show last weekend and are looking forward to having an auction later this month for the kids that have been raising stock all year long. Tim looks forward to more activity being allowed in the coming months.

Michael Jimmerson, Senior Client Advisor for the Arizona Manufacturing Extension Partnership reminded all that CARES Act funds are still available to assist businesses that have experienced hardship during the COVID crisis. Michael encouraged anyone looking for more information to reach out to him for assistance.

Jennifer Hayes, WIOA Business Services Program Coordinator / Mohave County Community Services Department indicated that the ARZONA@WORK group has recently held a Manufacturing Career Information Session to help identify people to get into training and get prepared to enter the workforce. Jen noted that their group is working to get resumes out to businesses in hope to put people to work.

Beth VanHoose, CTE Administrative Assistant for KUSD noted not much to report and that they are in their second week of hybrid learning with a bit of confusion involved as expected. Things are going mostly well and Beth hopes to see all students back after the Fall Break.

Della Gray with Arizona DES / ARIZONA@WORK reported their group to be diligently working to get people back to work and are having some good success. Della noted an upcoming Virtual ARIZONA@WORK Job Fair to be held Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information can be found on their website; <https://des.az.gov>

Jean Bishop, Mohave County Supervisor District 4 discussed the alarming news that the Arizona State Transportation Board is trying to pull the West Kingman Interchange from the 5 year plan and that she has been spending a large amount of her time advocating to keep the project in place on the 5 year plan.

John Hansen discussed how greatly important that project is to this area and indicated that he will write a letter to the Arizona State Transportation Board in support of keeping the project in place on the 5 year plan. John reiterated how this is a must do project and our area is way past due to get it done.

Jean noted another important item she has spent much time advocating for the proper decision and that is the Proposed Transfer of GSC Farm LLC's fourth priority Colorado River entitlement to the Town of Queen Creek. Mohave County is heavily involved in stopping this effort to preserve these resources locally.

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**October 20, 2020**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Location: To Be Determined**